

REMARKS

Claims 1-32 are pending in this application and stand rejected by the examiner. Claims 1 and 30-32 are independent claims.

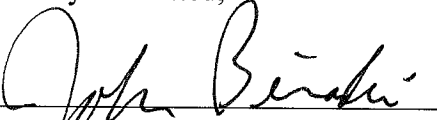
Restriction Requirement

The examiner maintains that a restriction is required under 35 U.S.C. § 121 by stating that the application contains claims that are directed to two patentably distinct species. Assignee elects species I (in which claims 1, 4-7, 10, 24-32 and 2, 3, 8, 9, 17-23 are grouped in the office action) without traverse if no generic claim is finally held to be allowable. Assignee respectfully submits that the independent claims are generic to all species and notes that no claims are withdrawn at this time. If needed, assignee reserves the right to pursue the non-elected claims in a divisional application.

The examiner is invited to contact the undersigned in the event that there are questions or comments.

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